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State Department Protects Traitors And Persecutes Patriots

State Department Intrigue

Informed Americans believe we are now living in the last days of this Republic. The most important single factor contributing to this sad state of affairs is that web of subversion, the STATE DEPARTMENT. Whether we survive or not will be determined by what you and I do about this vital organ of our government.

The Otepka Case

Otto F. Otepka, patriot and former Navy veteran, is the State Department career officer, who until recently served as Chief of the Evaluations Division in the Department of Security. He was fired ostensibly for giving testimony before a Senate Internal Security Committee, in violation of his superior's orders. Little attention has been given this matter in the press. Senator Dodd, who spearheaded the move to vindicate him has stated:

"The significance of the Otepka case cannot be overstated. He was the last old line security officer holding a top position in the office of security. He has been an employee of the U. S. Government over 27 years His efficiency ratings have always been excellent. In 1958 he received the Meritorious Service Award from Secretary of State Dulles. But suddenly certain people in the Department decided Otepka had to go"

WHY WAS OTEPKA REALLY FIRED?

Otepka fought against the hiring of Wm. Wieland. This is the character who, among other things, supported Fidel Castro before and after he came to power; lied on his job application; and who, according to the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, failed to place in the hands of his superiors documentation that would have proven the pro-communist nature of Castro's movement. Otepka's opposition to Wieland sparked the move to bring about his dismissal. As he stated in his testimony before the Committee: "There were serious questions of the man's integrity that should be reviewed under the foreign service regulations of the State Department."

The Senate Committee, concerned over laxity in Department Security regulations, called Otepka as a witness in March, 1963; also his superior, John F. Reilly, formerly one of Bobby Kennedy's boys in the Justice Department. Reilly contradicted everything Otepka had sworn to, claiming he had never seen reports which the former said he had presented to him. Dewey Hill, another superior, backed up Reilly in his testimony. In return testimony, Otepka PRESENTED DOCUMENTS WITH THE NOTES AND INITIALS OF THE VERY PEOPLE WHO SAID THEY NEVER SAW THEM! Obviously lying, Hill and Reilly were thoroughly discredited.

This was Otepka's crime. He gave factual important testimony before a Senate committee, at their request, which proved MOST embarrassing to his superiors. They held that he had violated "institutional loyalty" and that his conduct was "unbecoming an officer



Otto F. Otepka
Slated for "liquidation" by the Invisible Government for opposing reds.

of State." No one knew better than Otepka the criminal law to which security regulations had sunk. He had crossed swords with traitors before. His opposition to John Patton Davies and the rehabilitation of convicted perjurer Alger Hiss are outstanding examples. He also put the defector spy, Irving Scarbeck, behind bars. It was a matter of what the Senate had a right to know. So Otepka did what any sincere—patriotic American would do.

"GESTAPO" TO "LIQUIDATE" OTEPKA

Edith Kermit Roosevelt, in her column (WANDERER, 10/17/63) details his ordeal.

"Otepka was told that he owed his primary loyalty to Secretary of State Dean Rusk, who has forbidden employees to testify for the Senate.

"This is a matter of principle," Otepka told me. "I couldn't be evasive on Capitol Hill because I knew things that the Senators had the right to know."

On June 27th Otepka was exiled by the State Department to a cubbyhole by himself. His duties were taken from him, and he was not permitted to receive his office mail. They have given him the nominal task of writing a manual on security procedures. This is the notorious "isolation treatment" that led to heartbreak and death of Whiting Willauer, whose original Bay of Pigs plan was emasculated.

Department higher-ups have launched a campaign of intimidation against Otepka. Cars are parked outside his home night and day. FBI agents questioned him for four days, August 17th-20th, on orders from Attorney General Robert Kennedy. They have also questioned his neighbors, prying into his family life, asking about his wife, a former schoolteacher, and his daughter, Joanne, an art major at Washington University in St. Louis."

As stated previously, all this ended in his dismissal. The affair carries tremendous significance. At issue is the right of an executive employee to furnish information to a congressional committee, regardless of any ruling to the contrary by his superiors. The outcome may determine the course of government operations for decades. The Senate Committee holds that the employees

have not only the right but the OBLIGATION to make available security information, and in so doing serve a higher loyalty. The United States Code, Title No. 5, paragraph 652 (d) clearly defines this:

"The right of persons employed in the Civil Service of the United States, either individually or collectively, to petition Congress or any member thereof, or to furnish information to either house of Congress, to any Committee or member thereof, shall not be denied."

The latest development in the Otepka Case indicates the utmost urgency with which every American patriot must get into this fight behind Otepka.

President Johnson has now entered the picture to mediate the Otepka dispute. And what does the President suggest? That justice be done? That a loyal American patriot be vindicated? That traitors be indicted and thrown out? Not at all.

Otepka can have his job back; he can even come back at the same rate of pay; but he can't go back to the same department! And this from the President of the United States! Otepka will not accept this. He insists the purpose behind his firing is to scrap the security evaluation program. Since his dismissal the program has been stopped.

When General MacArthur insisted on winning the Korean War, Truman, acting on orders from the Invisible Government, fired him. When General Walker's Pro-Blue Program met with success, the Invisible Government ordered his removal. Now the same with Otepka.

OTHERS FEEL WRATH OF GESTAPO

The move against Otepka should surprise no one. It has been Department policy all along to persecute and silence all patriots. He is but one of a number who have been given, or are being considered for the "liquidation" treatment. One of these is the Director of the Passport Division.

MISS FRANCES KNIGHT

Trouble for Frances Knight started with the advent of the New Frontier. Heretofore, the Security Division, the Passport Division, and the Consular Affairs Division were in one unit, under one central head. But now the all-important Security Division was separated from the Passport and Consular Affairs Division. This resulted in less security and more bureaucracy. The Division became staffed with red New Frontiersmen.

The highly capable Miss Knight had long advocated in Congressional testimony more stringent laws to prevent the issuance of U. S. passports to communists. Because of this she became the victim of general harassment and was left hopelessly understaffed. Nonetheless, working with unremitting zeal and risk to her health, she brought about a greatly improved passport system. A passport that formerly took from three to four weeks to obtain could now be processed within forty-eight hours, thus eliminating much red tape. Also, the communists found it more